

State of Nebraska has an investment in many types of institutions such as this and we need to maximize those facilities, not just for the dollars that we have invested in those institutions, but we need to maximize them as they deliver special services to people with special needs. And I think, I know, that my particular doctor in small town Nebraska was not fully aware of the things that were available to me at that time. And I believe that this is a good resolution because it will disseminate this information all across the State of Nebraska to help people who do have special needs. Obviously, it will take some financial impact away from the local districts and local ESUs, but I think the more important thing is the fact that we are truly helping people with special needs in a special way which will enable them to go out and be, in fact, later mainstreamed into society. I would ask you for the favorable consideration of this resolution.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. President and colleagues, I would like to reiterate... I think you all have this handout, but this happens to be a couple from my district and I would just like to read the short paragraph. In fact, I talked to these people this morning. "We were totally flustered trying to help our blind daughter learn and grow and adjust. We floundered for six years until we found out about the Nebraska School for Blind. She has made more progress in six months than the six years at home. Why weren't we told?" I think that tells it all right there that the people of Nebraska should become more aware of it. We should make every attempt that we have to let our citizens of Nebraska know what this is all about. I would ask your approval of the resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on resolution 336? If not, the motion is to adopt the resolution. Any closing, Senator Pappas? Very well.

SENATOR PAPPAS: I think it speaks for itself.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. All those in favor of the resolution vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Do you wish to vote on resolution 336? Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.